

Recent work of the Conference of European Statisticians

1. **Seminar on methodological questions relating to farm bookkeeping data** (Voorburg, 21–25 October 1985)

The Seminar was convened jointly by the Conference of European Statisticians, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, and the ECE Committee on Agricultural Problems. Its purpose was to study methodological questions relating to farm bookkeeping data and their harmonization with other agricultural and with economic statistics in general. In addition, views were exchanged on national experiences in this field, and harmonization possibilities were assessed. The participants considered in particular the place of the bookkeeping system in the overall system of agricultural statistics, data collection procedures and specific problems such as the effects of fiscal legislation on farm accounts. The Seminar also prepared proposals for future work in this area. [Report of the Seminar: FAO/ECE/CES:ESS(85)-SEM.1/2]

2. **Meeting on statistics of solid wastes** (Geneva, 25–26 November 1985)

The development of a draft standard international classification of solid wastes for statistical application required a review of its first version in the light of national practices. The result of the review gave rise to a revision of the first draft, which was issued as document CES/548/Add.5/Rev.1. The meeting recommended that the revised classification be tested in the data collection phase for the compilation of the experimental Compendium of ECE Environment Statistics. [Report of the meeting: CES/579]

3. **Meeting on environmental indicators** (Geneva, 27–29 November 1985)

The meeting discussed and approved a highly restrictive concept of environmental indicators, which will be used in the further development of an ECE set of such indicators. At this time, only nine indicators were seen to correspond to the concept. They were recommended for testing in connection with the forthcoming experimental Compendium of ECE Environment Statistics. [Report of the meeting: CES/575]

4. **Meeting on frameworks for environment statistics** (Geneva, 2–6 December 1985)

The purpose of the meeting was to review earlier proposals for the contents of the experimental Compendium of ECE Environment Statistics. A comprehensive

recommendation for the contents of the Compendium was the result of the review. In addition, the meeting exchanged experiences on new ways to present environmental information. [Report of the meeting: CES/AC.40/30]